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# JACOBI II.
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*Angliæ, Scotiæ, Franciæ & Hiberniæ,*
Primo.

At the Parliament begun at *Weſtminſter* the Nineteenth Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1685. in the Firſt Year of the Reign of Our Moſt Gracious Sovereign Lord *JAMES*, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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## An Act for Erecting a new Parish to be called the Parish of St. *James* within the Liberty of *Westminster*.

Whereas a Church and Steeple have been lately built in or near to a Street called Jermin-Street in the Parish of St. Martins in the Fields in the County of Middlesex, and the same (together with the Coemitory or Church-Yard thereunto adjoyning) hath been Consecrated by the Right Reverend Father in God Henry Lord Bishop of London; which said Church and Steeple, and the Wall inclosing the Church Yard, and other Buildings and Ornaments therein and thereunto belonging have been built and erected at the Charge and Credit of Henry late Earl of St. Albans, and the Inhabi-

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Consecrated by the Bishop of *London*.

Erected at the Charge of the late Earl of *St. Albans* and others.

tants, Owners and Occupiers of the Houses, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the Precinct hereafter described, Wherein the Sum of Seven thousand pounds or more hath been expended, part whereof is yet a Debt unpaid, and the said Steeple is yet unfinished, and no House provided for the Habitation of a Minister to Officiate in the said Church, which will occasion a greater Expence.

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The Precinct to be Parochial and divided from St. *Martins*.

And Provision made to maintain a Minister and others to assist him.

And paying the Debts.

Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and With the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all that Precinct included Within the Bounds and Limits hereafter expressed, that is to say, all the

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the Houſes, Lands, and Grounds comprehended in a place heretofore called St. James's Fields, with certain other Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in the Confines thereof, beginning at a Houſe ſituate at the South-ſide of the Eaſt end of a Street called Catherine-ſtreet alias Pall-Mall-ſtreet in the Tenure or Occupation of John Valentine Coffee-Man, having an Iron Belcony including the ſaid Houſe, and extending from thence to the middle Center of the Pavement of the Haymarket-ſtreet over againſt a Houſe there in the Occupation of one Thomas Batten a Sadler, taking in the Weſt-ſide of the ſaid Street from the ſaid middle Center to the Weſt end of Coventry-ſtreet comprehending the North-ſide thereof, and from thence inclining Northward by a Houſe in the Occupation of one John Bolton Carver by the Weſt-ſide of a Street called Prince's Street, including the ſaid Weſt-ſide thereof, and proceeding from thence to the South end of the place called Sohoe, and paſſing on the Weſt-ſide of the ſaid Street, or place called Sohoe, including the ſaid Weſt thereof to a Houſe being the Sign of the Talbot on the North-eaſt Corner of a place called Currance his Corner, including the ſaid Houſe, and from thence taking in the South-ſide of the Road-way called Tyburn Road Weſtward to a Houſe being the Sign of the Plough at the Northweſt Corner of a Lane called

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James's Houſe, and all the Weſtſide thereof, from the ſaid middle Channel downwards as far as the ſame extends, and including the Southſide of the ſaid Parke Place, to the Garden of Barbara Dutcheſs of Clevland comprehending the ſame, together with Clevland Houſe, and all the Yards, Stables, Out-Houſes, and Buildings thereunto appertaining, and alſo the Street which leads from the outward Gate of the ſaid Houſe, fronting part of St. James's Houſe, to the Gate of the ſaid Houſe, and from thence to the ſaid Pall-Mall Street comprehending all the Houſes, Buildings and Yards backwards to the Wall which incloſes that part of St. James's Park which hath been lately made into a Garden, extending to a Houſe inhabited by Anthony Verreo Painter, lately in the Occupation of one Leonard Girle Gardener, and from thence to the Houſe and Garden of Thomas Earl of Suſſex including the ſame, together with the Southſide of a little Street called Warwick Street to an Inn there being the Sign of the White Hart, excluding the ſaid White Hart Inn, is and ſhall be from henceforth for ever a diſtinct Pariſh of it ſelf, and be called by the name of the Pariſh of St. James within the Liberty of Weſtminſter, and be divided and exempt from the ſaid Pariſh of St. Martin, and from all Dependances, Offices, Charges and Contributions for or in reſpect thereof, and from

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Diſcharged from all dependances on St. *Martins*.

from the Cure of the Rector and Vicar of the said Parish of St. Martin and their respective Successors, and also discharged of all Tythes, Oblations, Obventions, Mortuaries, Easter-Books, and all other Parochial Duties whatsoever relating to the same.

And from all Tithes, Easter-Books, &c.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Church situate within the Precinct aforesaid and the Ground thereunto adjoyning inclosed and used for a Coemetory or Church-yard shall be the Parish Church and Church yard of the said Parish of St. James.

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And the same is hereby Enacted and Declared to be for ever separated and Dedicated to the Service of God and to be applied therein to the use and behalf of the Inhabitants from time to time inhabiting and to inhabit there; and that there shall be a Rector to have Care of the Souls of the Inhabitants of the said Parish and a perpetual succession of Rectors there.

Separated and Dedicated to the Service of God.

A Rector and successive Rectors.

And be it Enacted, That Thomas Tenison Doctor of Divinity the present Vicar of the said Parish of St. Martins (Who hath since the Consecration of the said Church, very Well and Religiously by himself, and other Pious and Learned Ministers (by him procured) supplied the same in all Divine Offices for the service of God, and the instruction of the Inhabitants in the true Christian Religion)

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of years therein Granted to the said Sir Thomas Bond, and Thomas Bond, by one Indenture bearing Date the Seven and twentieth day of January One thousand six hundred eighty four, and also of and in Five Houses or Tenements with the Appurtenances, Scituate in the said Street called Jermine Street, now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Sir Cæsar Wood, *alias* Cranmer Knight, his Assign or Assigns, Tenant or Tenants, containing in Front from East to West, One hundred Twenty six Feet, and in Depth backward Fourscore and three Feet, a little more or less, and of and in the yearly Rent of Sixty pounds reserved upon a Demise thereof to the said Sir Cæsar Wood, *alias* Cranmar, for the Term of Fifty six years five Months and twenty days, bearing Date the Tenth day of March One thousand six hundred eighty three, and all other the Rents, Issues and Profits thereof after the expiration of the said Term, and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders of the Premisses and every of them: Saving unto the said Thomas Tenison all his Right, Title and Interest in and to the Premisses, or any of them which he hath or may claim by vertue of one Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Eighteenth day of May One thousand six hundred eighty and four, and to all and every other Person or Persons other then the Kings Majesty his Heirs and

gion) is hereby Conſtituted the Firſt Rector thereof, and he and his Succeſſors Rectors of the ſaid Pariſh ſhall be Incorporate, and ſhall have Capacity and Succeſſion by the Name of the Rector of the Pariſh-Church of St. James Within the Liberty of Weſtminſter, and ſhall be hereby enabled to Sue, and be Sued by that Name in all Courts and Places in this Realm, and ſhall have the Care of the Souls of the Inhabitants Within the ſaid Pariſh, and have and Enjoy to him and his Succeſſors for ever, one Meſſuage or Tenement for his Habitation, intended to be Erected on part of the ſaid Churchyard, or near thereunto, and alſo to Purchaſe and take Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments to him and them, Rectors of the ſaid Pariſh and Pariſh-Church, over and above the Rents, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby Settled on the ſaid Rector, and his Succeſſors, not exceeding the yearly value of Two hundred pounds.

To be Incorporate, and have Succeſſion.

Enabled to Sue and be Sued.

To have a Houſe to be Erected for him.

To Purchaſe Lands over and above the preſent Endowment, not exceeding 200 *l.* *per Annum.*

And that the Patronage, Advowſon, Donation, or Preſentation of and to the ſaid Rectory after the Deceaſe of the ſaid firſt Rector, or next Avoidance thereof, ſhall appertain and belong to, and be hereby Veſted in the Lord Biſhop of London, and his Succeſſors, and Thomas Lord Jermine and his Heirs for ever. That is to ſay, the firſt Rector after ſuch Deceaſe or Avoidance

The Advowſon after the firſt Avoidance to be in the Biſhop of *London*, and Lord *Jermine* and their Heirs, *&c.*

ance shall be Presented or Collated by the Lord Bishop of London for the time being; and the next to succeed him shall be Presented by the Lord Jermine and his Heirs, and the two next succeeding Turns by the Lord Bishop of London and his Successors, and the next Turn by the Lord Jermine and his Heirs; And the like Succession of Two Turns for the Lord Bishop of London and his Successors, and One Turn for the Lord Jermine and his Heirs shall be used for all time to come.

Two Turns to be in the Lord Bishop of *London*, and one in the Lord *Jermine* in Succession for all times to come.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all the succeeding Rectors of the said Parish, and Parish-Church, (Except the first Rector thereof hereby Constituted) shall be Presented, Collated, Instituted and Inducted as other Rectors, Parsons and Vicars respectively are accustomed to be.

The Rector to be Collated, Presented and Instituted as other Rectors are.

And be it further Enacted, That the first Rector, and all the succeeding Rectors thereof shall and may have, take and Enjoy such and the like Oblations, Mortuaries, Easter Books or Offerings, and other Ecclesiastical Duties arising within the said Parish of St. James, as the Vicar of St. Martin now enjoyeth, and shall have such and the like Profits of Burials in the Chancel of the said Church of St. James, as the same is Limited in the Instrument of Consecration thereof, and as

To take the like Duties, *&c.* as the Vicar of St. *Martins*.

Like Profit of Burials in the Chancel.

and Succeſſors, and other then the Truſtees of the ſaid Henry late Earl of St. Alban, or any other perſon or perſons in Truſt for him, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns, all their Right, Title, Intereſt, Claim or Demand to the Premiſſes or any of them.

The Rector may grant Leaſes for One and fourty years upon improv'd Rent without Fines.

And it ſhall and may be Lawful for the ſaid Rector and his Succeſſors Rectors of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James for the time being to grant and demiſe ſuch of the Premiſſes or any part thereof (as are now in Leaſe) at the expiration or other ſooner determination of ſuch Leaſe for the Term of One and fourty years upon a reaſonable improved yearly Rent, without taking any Fine for the ſame.

The Inhabitants ſubject to the Law for choice of Churchwardens and other Pariſh Officers and Parochial Duties.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James ſhall be from time to time ſubject to the Laws and Statutes now in force or hereafter to be made for the choice of Churchwardens, Overſeers of the Poor, Scavengers, Surveyers of the Highways, Conſtables and ſuch other like Pariſh Officers and other parochial Duties within the ſaid Pariſh in like manner as the Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh of St. Martins, are or might be ſubject and liable unto (except where it ſhall be otherwiſe hereby appointed) and that the Overſeers of the Poor, Conſtables, Beadles, and Scavengers of the ſaid Pariſh of St. Martins which ſhall be

The Overſeers of the Poor and Officers of St. *Martins* in being at the end of this Seſſion of Parliament.

in those Offices at the end of this present Session of Parliament, shall continue therein, and execute those Offices in the said Parish of St. James till the Feast of Easter then next ensuing, and the Surveyers of the Highways of the said Parish of St. Martin then in being shall execute their Office in the said Parish of St. James, from the said end of this Session of Parliament till the Feast of Christmas then next following and no longer.

Shall execute those Offices in the Parish of St. *James* till *Easter* and *Christmas* following.

And be it further Enacted, That John Haynes Carpenter, and William Nott Bookbinder shall and are hereby Constituted the first Churchwardens of the said Parish of St. James, to have, hold, and execute the said Offices till the Feast of Easter which shall be in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred eighty six, and they and their Successors Churchwardens of the said Parish of St. James shall have and Receive such and the like Church Duties and Perquisites as the Churchwardens of the said Parish of St. Martins do, may, might, or ought to Receive, and shall be Accomptable for the same, and all other Money that shall come to them as Churchwardens in such manner as Churchwardens of other Parishes within the City and Liberties of Westminster are or ought to be.

Master *John Haynes* and Mr. *William Nott* the first Churchwardens of St. *James*.

To continue till *Easter* 1686.

They shall receive such Duties as the Churchwardens of St. *Martins*, and shall be accomptable for the same.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That all such Vestrymen of the said Parish of St. Martin as are Inhabitants within

Within the Precincts aforeſaid, and all ſuch others as are now Conſtituted to be Superviſors and Commiſſioners for the ſaid Church of St. James by the ſaid Lord Biſhop of London, ſhall be Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James, and they together with the ſaid Rector of the ſaid Pariſh or any ſix or more of them ſhall and are hereby Authoriſed at their firſt or ſecond meeting after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament to Elect ſo many additional Veſtrymen Inhabitants and Houſholders within the ſaid Pariſh as ſhall make the number of the Whole With the Rector and Churchwardens for the time being to be Four and thirty Perſons, and the ſaid Veſtrymen or any ſix or more of them, (Whereof the Rector for the time being or his Aſſiſtant or Clerk (by his appointment) and one of the Churchwardens to be two, ſhall and may have and Exerciſe the like Power and Authority for Ordering and Regulating the Affairs of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James as the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh of St. Martin now have and Exerciſe in Reference to the ſaid Pariſh of St. Martin; and upon the Death or other voidance of any ſuch Veſtryman, they or any ſix or more of them ſhall and may Elect a fit perſon Inhabitant and Houſholder in the ſaid Pariſh to ſupply the ſame.

The Veſtrymen of St. *Martins* inhabiting in St. *James* Pariſh and the Superviſors of the Church ſhall be the Veſtrymen thereof.

They ſhall Elect additional Veſtrymen.

The Rector and Veſtrymen have the like power as Veſtrymen of St. *Martins*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh

Pews not to be disposed of but by consent of the Vestrymen.

rish for the time being shall not at any time dispose of any of the Pews or places in Pews in the said Church to any Person not an Inhabitant thereof, nor without the Consent and Allowance of the Vestrymen for the time being or any six or more of them.

The Rector with consent of the Vestry to nominate a Preacher to be Assistant to him.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Rector of the said Parish for the time being shall and may by and with the Consent of the said Vestrymen and Churchwardens thereof for the time being or any six or more of them, whereof one of the Churchwardens to be one from time to time, nominate one able Minister in Priests Orders to reside in the said Parish to be Preacher and Assistant to the said Rector and his Successors in the Celebration of the Divine Offices of Praying and Preaching and other Duties incident to be performed in the said Church and Parish, as the Rector shall require of him; and likewise to nominate a fit Person in like Orders to be Clerk of the said Parish and Parish Church, and one or more Sexton or Sextons, to which Clerk and Sextons respectively there shall be such and the like Dues, Fees, Perquisites and Profits paid and allowed as are or have at any time been paid or payable or belonging to the Clerk and Sextons of the said Parish Church of St. Martin respectively; which said Preacher, Assistant, Clerk and Sexton or Sextons and every of them shall con-

And to nominate a Clerk to be in Priests Orders.

And one or more Sexton or Sextons.

To have the like Fees as the Clerk and Sexton of St. *Martins*.

Preacher, Clerk and Sexton to be for life.

continue in his ſaid place during his or their Natural Lives, if they ſhall ſo long inhabit there, except for ſome Offence or Miſgovernment by them or any of them committed, (and unleſs for Cauſe reaſonable proved) they ſhall be diſplaced by the ſaid Rector for the time being by and with the Conſent of the ſaid Veſtrymen or any ſix or more of them.

Yet ſubject for miſgovernment to be diſplaced.

And be it Enacted, That the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James for the time being, ſhall and are hereby Required from time to time to pay the yearly Sum of Thirty pounds to the Clerk to be appointed as aforeſaid out of the Profits of the Pews in the ſaid Church, and other the Duties, Profits and Perquiſites to them accruing as aforeſaid by four Quarterly payments; That is to ſay, on the Feaſt of St. Michael the Arch Angel, the Birth of our Lord God, the Annuntiation of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary, and St. John the Baptiſt, or Ten days after every of the ſaid reſpective Feaſts by equal and even portions; The firſt payment to be accompted due and payable from the firſt of the ſaid Feaſts that ſhall happen after the end of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament.

Thirty pounds a year payable to the Clerk.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Churchwardens and Veſtrymen or any ſix or more of them ſhall and are hereby Authorized and Required Within Ten days after the end of

An Eſtimate to be made of the Charge of finiſhing the Steeple.

this Seſſion of Parliament to make or cauſe to be made an Eſtimate in Writing under the Hand or Hands of ſome ſufficient Perſon or Perſons qualified for the ſame, of the Charge of finiſhing the Steeple of the ſaid Church, and providing a Clock and one or more Bells for the ſame, and other Works neceſſary and requiſite in and about the ſaid Church and Steeple, and of Building a Convenient houſe for the Rector. And ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall appear to them upon ſuch Eſtimate to be in their Judgments Competent to accompliſh the Premiſſes, and to ſatisfie and pay the Debts incurr'd for or by reaſon of the ſaid Church, ſhall be by them or any ſix or more of them Charged upon all and every of the Inhabitants, Owners and Occupiers of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, or any Perſonal Eſtate within the ſaid Pariſh, to be by them paid in four years by ſixteen Quarterly and ſucceſſive payments; The firſt Whereof to Comence and become payable to the Churchwardens for the time being, (who are hereby Authorized to receive the ſame) at the firſt of the Feaſt Days aforeſaid, as ſhall happen after the Aſſeſſing and Taxing thereof, and the reſt to be ſucceſſively to them alſo Quarterly paid at the ſucceeding Feaſt Days aforeſaid until all the ſaid ſixteen Quarterly payments ſhall be made and finiſh'd; And the ſaid Church-Wardens

And building a Houſe for the Rector.

And to pay the Debts incurr'd for building the Church.

Which ſhall be charged on the Owners and Occupiers of Houſes, to be paid in four years by ſixteen quarterly payments.

wardens and Vestrymen, or any Six or more of them, are hereby Required and Authorized Within Ten days after the First of the Feasts that shall happen after the end of this Session of Parliament, to Assess, Tax and Rate the first of the said Quarterly Payments after a Pound Rate, according to the improved Yearly Values of the Premisses, or otherwise as they shall think meet, and in like manner to Assess every other of the said Quarterly Payments within Ten days after the time of Payment of the next preceding Quarterly Payment, all which said Assessments shall be Confirmed and Allowed by the two next Justices of the Peace of and dwelling Within the City and Liberty of Westminster, under their Hands and Seals, and be Collected by such Persons Inhabitants of the said Parish, as the said Vestrymen, or any Six or more of them shall from time to time under their Hands and Seals appoint.

The Churchwardens and Vestrymen shall Assess and Tax the said Quarterly Payments.

Which shall be confirmed by two Justices of the Peace.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That no Tenant or Occupier of any of the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments shall be Rated for his or her Personal Estate in any one Quarterly Payment, at less then a Fifth part of the Sum Assessed upon the Landlord for the same.

No Tenant shall be Taxed at less then a Fifth part of the Tax on the Landlord.

And that if the Estimate and Computation to be made as aforesaid, shall not be sufficient to discharge the Debts incurr'd about

If the estimate be not sufficient, a new Charge may be made.

about the Building of the ſaid Church, and finiſh the ſaid Steeple, and other the Works hereby intended to be done, The ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Six or more of them, ſhall and may Charge and Aſſeſs any ſuch Additional Sum or Sums upon the ſaid Inhabitants, Owners and Occupiers, as ſhall be needful to perfect and accompliſh the ſame, ſo as ſuch Additional Sum together with the Sum hereby Charged and Payable by the ſaid Sixteen Quarterly Payments exceed not in the whole, the Sum of Two thouſand pounds.

So as the whole Tax to be raiſed in Four years for the Church, do not exceed Two thouſand pounds.

And be it Enacted, That the ſeveral and reſpective Tenants or Tenant of all Houſes and Lands which ſhall be Tared or Rated by virtue of this Act for the purpoſes aforeſaid, are hereby Authorized and Required to pay ſuch Sum or Sums of Money as ſhall be Tared, Rated or Aſſeſſed upon ſuch Houſe or Land, or upon them or any of them in reſpect thereof, and to deduct out of their Rent ſo much of the ſaid Rates, as in reſpect of the ſaid Rent of every ſuch Houſe and Land, the Landlord ſhould or ought to pay and bear, and the ſaid Landlords Mediate and immediate, according to their reſpective Intereſts, are hereby required to allow ſuch Deductions and Payments upon the Receipt of the reſidue of the Rents; And every Tenant paying the ſaid Tax or Aſſeſſment, ſhall be acquitted and diſcharg-

Tenants to pay the Tax rated on them.

And deduct the ſame out of their Rent.

Landlords ſhall allow of ſuch deduction.

ged for ſo much Money as the ſaid Tax or Aſſeſſment ſhall amount unto, as if the ſame had been actually paid unto ſuch Perſon or Perſons unto Whom his or her Rent ſhould have been due and payable.

And be it further Enacted, That the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh of St. James ſhall cauſe all the Debts, Credits and Contracts made and to be made, with or by the Artificers and Workmen imploy'd or to be imploy'd for any Work or Building to be made or done in or about the Premiſſes, to be Entred and Regiſtred in one or more Book or Books (to be kept for that purpoſe) and the ſaid Veſtrymen, or any Six or more of them, out of the Money Collected and pay'd to the ſaid Churchwardens upon the ſaid Quarterly Payments, ſhall in the firſt place Pay and Diſcharge, or cauſe to be Paid and Diſcharged, all ſuch Debts, Mortgages and Incumbrances Wherewith any of the Houſes hereby ſettled on the Rector, are in any manner Affected or Incumbred, and after the Diſcharge thereof, ſhall then iſſue and pay, or cauſe to be iſſued and paid to the Artificers and Workmen imploy'd, or to be imployed in and about the finiſhing of the ſaid Steeple, Houſe and Premiſſes, all and every Sum and Sums of Money now or hereafter due and payable unto them, their Executors, Adminiſtrators or Aſſigns, proportionably,

Debts and Contracts with Artificers ſhall be Regiſtred.

Incumbrances on the Houſes ſettled on the Rector, ſhall be firſt diſcharged.

Workmen shall be paid in course according to the dates of Registring their Debts.

bly, according to the dates of the Registring of their Debts and Credits, as aforesaid, With moderate Interest for their forbearance thereof.

And moderate Interest for forbearance.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Churchwardens of the said Parish for the time being, together with Four, Three or more Substantial Householders thereof, shall upon the Tuesday in Easter-week next after the end of this Session of Parliament, or at any time within Ten days after the said Tuesday, and so Yearly for ever, proportionably Tax, Rate, and Assess the Yearly Sum of One hundred pounds upon the Inhabitants and Occupiers of Lands, Houses, Tenements and Hereditaments within the said Parish for the Payment of the Preacher Assistant, to be Nominated and Appointed as aforesaid; Which said Assessment shall be Confirmed and Allowed in such manner as other the Assessments hereby appointed to be made as aforesaid, and be Collected and Paid yearly to the Churchwardens for the time being, by such Person or Persons as the said Churchwardens shall appoint at the Four usual Feasts, or times of the Year before mentioned. The First Payment to begin and be made at the Feast of St. John the Baptist next after the Taxing and Assessing thereof; and the said Churchwardens, or either of them, shall pay the said Yearly Sum of

100 *l. per Annum* shall be yearly Taxed for the Preacher.

To be Collected and paid to the Churchwardens.

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One hundred pounds over and above all Charges and Deductions for Collecting the ſame to the ſaid Preacher Aſſiſtant for the time being, to be nominated as aforeſaid, upon the ſaid four uſual Feaſts or Terms in the year, by even and equal Portions; The firſt Payment to begin at the ſaid Feaſt of the Nativity of St. John the Baptiſt laſt mentioned.

The 100 l. per Annum ſhall be paid to the Preacher by quarterly payments.

And it is hereby Enacted and Ordained, That in caſe any default of payment happen of any of the Sums aforeſaid, to be paid by the Churchwardens for the time being, or any of them, to the ſaid Preacher Aſſiſtant, or Clerk, and Lawful demand thereof being made at the Dwelling-houſe of any of the ſaid Churchwardens, that then the two next Juſtices of the Peace of the place ſhall and may upon Complaint of the Party grieved in this behalf give Relief according to the true intent of this Act, and ſhall and may cauſe the Churchwarden or Churchwardens offending therein to be impriſon'd till payment be made of what ſhall be ſo behind and unpaid.

Upon default of payment to the Preacher or Clerk.

The Juſtices ſhall give Relief.

And impriſon the Churchwardens till payment be made.

And be it Enacted, That the ſaid Churchwardens together with four, three, or more Subſtantial Houſholders as aforeſaid ſhall and are hereby Authorized from time to time, to make Rates and Aſſeſſments upon the Inhabitants and Occupiers as aforeſaid, for the raiſing Money for the payment of Scavengers or Rakers

Taxes may be made to Repair the Church and Cleanſe the Streets.

kers for Cleansing the Streets of the said Parish, and likewise for Repairing and Amending the Church, Steeple, Churchyard and Vestry-room of the said Parish when need shall be. The said Rates, Taxes, and Assessments for Repairing and Amending the Church and Premisses to be paid to the ChurchWardens of the said Parish, and those and all other the said last mentioned Rates, Taxes and Assessments to be made and Collected, Confirmed and Allow'd as aforesaid.

The Taxes for the Church to be paid to the Churchwardens.

To be Confirmed and Allowed as other Taxes.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That for the better and more easie Taxing and making of the Assessments for the payment of a Preacher, Assistant as aforesaid, the ChurchWardens shall on every Easter Day after the end of this Session of Parliament give Notice in the Church by Name to such and so many Substantial Housholders as they think fit to Assemble and meet with them on the next Tuesday after in the Vestry or Chantel of the said Church to make the said Assessment. And if Notice be not given, and a Meeting thereupon had by and with the persons so named, then every of them offending therein which shall not make proof of a Reasonable Cause of his Absence before some one Justice of the Peace of the City and Liberty of Westminster, shall forfeit the Sum of Five pounds to the said Preacher to be Levied by Distress and sale of the Offenders Goods, by

Notice to be given in the Church at *Easter* to Housholders by Name to make Taxes.

Remedy for default of Notice or Meeting.

The Offender to pay 5 *l.* to the Preacher.

by Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any one Juſtice of the Peace as aforeſaid, rendring the Overplus to the Owner thereof after deduction of reaſonable Charges for Levying the ſame.

And be it further Enacted, That if any of the ſaid Aſſeſſments ſhall be Taxed or Aſſeſſed on any perſon not of ability to pay the ſame, or upon any Houſe, that after the making thereof ſhall become void, whereby the ſame cannot be Collected; Or that through any Wilfulneſs or deficiency of a Collector, or any miſtake or accident whatſoever there be a deficiency in one of the ſaid Quarterly or other Payments, or Sums of Money payable by this Act, the ſame ſhall be re-aſſeſſed or added to the next ſucceeding Aſſeſſment, and be therewith Re-aſſeſſed, Collected and Levied in manner as aforeſaid. Remedy for deficiencies in the Aſſeſſments. The ſame to be re-aſſeſſed.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That if any Perſon nominated to be a Collector of, or for any Tax or Aſſeſſment made by vertue of this Act, ſhall refuſe to accept the Office or be negligent in his Duty therein, he ſhall forfeit for every Offence the Sum of Fourty ſhillings to the uſe of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh to be Levied by Warrant of any one Juſtice of the Peace as aforeſaid, under his Hand and Seal, by Diſtreſs and Sale of his Goods, to be taken and juſtified to the uſe aforeſaid. And if any perſon ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay the Sum or Sums Negligence of Officers puniſhed.

of Money on him or her Rated or Assessed by vertue of this Act, it shall and may be Lawful for the said Collectors by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of any two Justices of the Peace of the place, to Levy the same by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Offender, rendring the Overplus to the Owners thereof after deduction of reasonable Charges for making the same. And if any Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid shall convey away their Goods, whereby the Sum Assessed cannot be Levied, any two Justices of the Peace as aforesaid are hereby impowr'd by Warrant under their Hands and Seals to imprison the Offender, (not being a Peer or Peeress of this Realm) and to cause him or her to be detained in the Common Gaol of the said City and Liberty of Westminster till the Sum on him or her Taxed, and the Charges for bringing in the same, be paid and satisfied. And if any Difference shall arise between Landlord and Tenant or any other Person concerning any of the said Quarterly Assessments, or if any Person shall find him or her self grieved with any Assessment or Tax made by vertue of this Act, any two Justices of the Peace as aforesaid shall and have hereby power finally to hear, settle and determine the same as they shall think meet.

Remedy to levy the Tax on Refusers or Neglecters to pay.

Penalty for conveying away Goods.

Two Justices may decide differences between Landlord and Tenant, and relieve Persons over-rated.

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Provided always, That ſuch Sums of Money as ſhall be yearly Aſſeſſed in the ſaid Parish of St. James for Cleanſing the Streets, and Repairing the High-Ways, ſhall be yearly Accompted for by the Scavengers and Surveyors of the High-ways reſpectively, which Collected the ſame, to Two or more of the Juſtices aforeſaid, within Four days after the Electing of new Scavengers and Surveyors of the Highways for the enſuing Year, and ſuch Sum or Sums as ſhall be remaining in their hands, ſhall be by them paid over to the next ſucceeding Scavengers and Surveyors of the High-ways reſpectively, and any Two ſuch Juſtices of the Peace ſhall and may by virtue hereof, Commit every of the ſaid Scavengers or Surveyors to the ſaid Common Gaol, which ſhall refuſe to Accompt, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize until he have made a true Accompt, and ſatisfied and paid ſo much as upon the ſame ſhall be remaining in his hands, and the Sheriffs of Middleſex, or his or their under-Sheriffs, and the Bayliff of Weſtminſter and his Deputy or Deputies, and all Conſtables in the City and Liberties of Weſtminſter, are hereby required to be Aiding and Aſſiſting when thereunto required, in the Execution of this Act.

Scavengers and Surveyors of the Highways ſhall yearly Account.

And ſhall pay the Money remaining in their hands, to the ſucceeding Scavengers.

Scavengers and Surveyors refuſing to Accompt, ſhall be Impriſoned.

And be it Enacted, That the Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Peters in Weſtminſter,

The Dean of *Westminster*, &c. to Elect Additional Burgesses.

Westminster, or his Successors, or the High Steward there for the time being, shall and are hereby Required and Authorized on the next Thursday in Easter Week next after the end of this Session of Parliament, and so yearly for ever hereafter to Nominate and Elect Two sufficient Persons Inhabiting within the said Parish of St. James, to be additional Burgesses to those already Constituted by virtue of one Act of Parliament made in the Twenty seventh year of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, Intituled, An Act for the good Government of the City and Borough of *Westminster* in the County of *Middlesex*; Unto the Government of every Which Burgesses, there shall be a Ward set out by fit Meets and Bounds in the said Parish of St. James. And for the more Aid and Assistance of the said Burgesses.

Wards to be set out for such Burgesses.

The Dean, &c. and Burgesses to choose Assistants to the Burgesses.

It is hereby Enacted, That the said Dean or his Successors, or the said High Steward or his Lawful Deputy, with all the Burgesses then in being, or the more part of them, within Eight days after the Election and Choice of the said Two Burgesses, Nominate and Elect Two other able Persons Inhabiting in the said Parish, to be Assistants to the said Burgesses, which said Burgesses and Assistants shall take the Oaths appointed by the said Act to be taken by Burgesses and Assistants, and continue in their Places, (if they shall Inhabit in the said Parish)

Burgesses and Assistants to take the Oaths appointed.

Pariſh) for ſuch time, and be ſupplyed upon Death or Removal, as other Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants are thereby to continue and be ſupply'd, and ſhall alſo Accept, Occupy and Enjoy the ſaid Rooms upon the Pains to be reſpectively Impoſed by the ſaid Act upon Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants that ſhall refuſe the ſame, to be Levied of every of them, as therein it is Ordained. And every of the ſaid Burgeſſes, together with his Aſſiſtant ſhall and may do, and deal within the Ward, to them appointed in every thing and things, as Aldermens Deputies in the City of London Lawfully do, or might at any time Lawfully have done, and ſhall have and enjoy ſuch and the like Liberties, Priviledges and Authorities in all reſpects, as other Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City and Liberties of Weſtminſter by the ſaid Act do or may Enjoy.

And to continue and be ſupplied.

To accept the Offices upon pains to be inflicted.

The Power of the Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants.

And ſhall and are hereby Enabled to Do and Execute all and every the like Act and Deed, Thing and Things to be thereby done and Executed by them or any of them.

Their Priviledges and Authorities.

Provided always, That in Caſe the Dean of Weſtminſter aforeſaid, or his Succeſſors, and the High Steward for the time being, and his Lawful Deputy, ſhall not nominate and elect Burgeſſes

Remedy if the Dean of *weſtminſter*, &c. ſhall not Elect Burgeſſes and Aſſiſtants.

and Assistants for the said Parish of St. James at the times before limited, that then it shall and may be Lawful for two Justices of the Peace within the County of Middlesex or City and Liberty of Westminster, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to nominate and choose the said Burgesses and Assistants, which being so by them nominated and chosen, shall occupy and enjoy the said Rooms upon the Pains in the said Recited Act limited, and have and enjoy such Rights and Liberties and Authorities in all respects as if they had been nominated and elected by the said Dean and High Steward as aforesaid.

The Lord Bishop of *London* to execute Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the Parish of St. *James*.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That the Lord Bishop of London and his Successors shall and may at all times hereafter execute Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in the said Parish of St. James as he or they may do in any other Parish within the Diocess of London.

Persons Sued may plead the General Issue and recover treble Costs.

And be it Enacted, That if any Actions, Plaint, or Suit, or Information shall be Commenced or Prosecuted against any Person or Persons for what he or they shall do in pursuance or Execution of this Act, such Person and Persons so Sued may plead the General Issue of Not Guilty, and upon any Issue joyned, give this

this Act and the eſpecial Matter in Evidence; and if the Plaintiff or Proſecutor ſhall become Nonſuit or ſuffer a Diſcontinuance, or if a Verdict paſs againſt him, the Defendants ſhall recover treble Coſts, for which they ſhall have the like Remedy as in any caſe where Coſts by the Law are given to Defendants.

FINIS.